

ARMY CONTRACTING AGENCY (ACA) NEWLETTER

“OUR TEAM IS GROWING”

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Congratulations are in order for Mr. Mark Lumer. Mr. Bolton, Assistant Secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics & Technology has officially announced Mr. Mark J. Lumer as the Army Contracting Agency (ACA) Head of Contracting Agency (HCA) effective immediately.

As we stand up the new Army Contracting Agency (ACA), we know that there are many questions and concerns regarding the ACA's support and impact upon the Directorates of Contracting (DOC), your customers, command leadership and various other organizations. Therefore, an ACA Roadshow will be conducted and has tentatively been scheduled to begin mid-July 02 through August 30th. Both ACA Regions will be conducting the Roadshow to visit all newly assigned DOCs. The Roadshow team will consist of the Region PARC, a Region Division Chief, and Mr. Lumer, ACA Director, or a member of his staff. The ACA Roadshow will be tailored to address local leadership, DOC/Acquisition/Workforce personnel, Customers and Industry Partners. The presentation will, as a minimum, educate personnel of the ACA's vision, goals/objectives, organization structure/chain of command, impact to the command, and relationships, e.g. with the Transforming Installation Management (TIM). Additionally, the Roadshow will provide an opportunity for questions from the audience.

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The July ACA Roadshow schedule is as follows:

10 July: Presidio of Monterey, CA	(COL Guta, Beverly Thomas)
11 July: Fort Huachuca, AZ	(COL Guta, Beverly Thomas)
22 July: Fort Sill, OK	(COL Guta, Carol Lowman)
24 July: Fort Bliss, TX	(COL Guta, Carol Lowman)
26 July: Fort Sam Houston, TX	(COL Guta, Carol Lowman)

The August 2002 schedule is as follows:

5 August: Fort Knox, KY	(COL Guta, Beverly Thomas)
7 August: Fort Campbell, KY	(COL Guta, Beverly Thomas)
8 August: Fort Benning, GA	(COL Guta, Carol Lowman)
12 August: Fort Rucker, AL	(COL Guta, Carol Lowman)
14 August: Fort Jackson, SC	(COL Guta, Beverly Thomas)
15 August: Fort Gordon, GA	(COL Guta, Beverly Thomas)
20 August: Redstone Arsenal, AL	(COL Guta, Carol Lowman)
21 August: Fort McClellan, AL	(COL Guta, Carol Lowman)

CONGRATULATIONS

Perry Hicks was presented the Commanders Award for Civilian Service for his outstanding service during his special assignment at the U.S. Army Contracting Command, Korea, from 29 January 2002 to 30 April 2002.

HAIL

Welcome to the newest member of the Army Contracting Agency staff. Lt Col (P) J. Stone, who will assume the position as Director, in the Information Management & Assessment Directorate. Lt Col Stone joins us from the Army War College fellowship located in Austin, Texas.

Barbara Hull has returned from the Pentagon and assumed duties as Administration Specialist. A very special Thank-you to JoAnne Ramage for all her hard work assisting the transition team with those duties during her assignment.

FAREWELLS

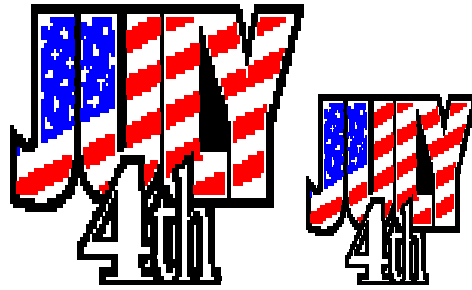
Rachael C. Lilley was honored on 27 June 2002, with a farewell retirement ceremony and luncheon held in her honor. Ms Lilley is set to retire as she completes a distinguished civil service career spanning a career of more than 36 years, during the period November 1986 to July 2002. During her current assignment, Ms. Lilley distinguished herself by rendering exceptionally meritorious service while serving as a Senior Procurement Analyst in the Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army for Policy and Procurement. Throughout her career, Ms. Lilley served in a succession of positions of increased responsibility, culminating in her current position as a Senior Procurement Analyst for the Army. As Acting Director, Procurement Field Support and proponent for the A-76 Program, she played a major role in ensuring that the 225 contracting offices throughout the world were given timely aid in the various Army programs that affected them. She likewise enhanced the overall efficiency and effectiveness with which the Army procures goods and services for our Soldiers by helping craft and review Army and Department of Defense procurement policies. She made early and significant contributions to streamlining procurement and acquisition policy and regulations within the Department of the Army, Department of Defense, and the Federal Government. Congratulations and best of luck in your retirement.

Ms.Kay Hummel has accepted a new position at AP Hill and will be leaving the organization in July 02. We are sorry to see her go but wish her the best of luck in her new assignment. Kay, be sure and provide the new telephone number and don't forget to stay in touch.

AWARDS

The following personnel are recognized for time in-service awards:

LENGTH OF SERVICE	
PHYLLIS AIKEN	40 Years
BARBARA BINNEY	25 Years
ANNETTE BLAIR	25 Years
BARBARA. CRITES	35 Years
DEBRA DOBBINS	15 Years
FRANK O. HUDNER	35 Years
LEON McCRAY	25 Years
JOE PIEPER	30 Years
CHRIS VUXTON	15 Years



Tips for a Fun, Festive & Safe 4th of July from
The National Council on Fireworks Safety

By Amy Schamburek

People everywhere are fascinated by fireworks -by the mystery and splendor that light the night sky or turn a backyard into a festival of light and sound. Like nothing else, fireworks can excite, thrill and amaze us. But as dazzling as fireworks can be, they can also be harmful if used improperly. The National Council on Fireworks Safety (NCFs) urges you to put safety first when celebrating this Fourth of July. Legal fireworks are safer than ever, in part because of stringent federal safety standards enacted by the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission in 1976. The incidence of fireworks-related injuries has dropped dramatically during the past 10 years, according to Ann Crampton, executive director of the NCFs. But she says it can be cut further by following a few simple guidelines.

"Only use legal fireworks," she says. "The key, of course, is being able to recognize what's legal and what's not. Legal fireworks conform to the standards. Illegal ones often don't."

The Consumer Product Safety Commission requires that legal fireworks show the name of the item, the name of the manufacturer or distributor and easy-to-read cautionary labeling and instructions for proper use. Currently, 32 states, plus the District of Columbia, allow the use of some or all types of consumer fireworks.

Illegal devices include M80s, M100s and silver salutes. They have been federally banned since 1966 because of the large amounts of illegal explosives they contain. "Don't confuse these items with legal, consumer fireworks. Illegal devices will usually be unlabeled, will not bear a caution statement and will not list the manufacturer's name," cautioned Ms. Crampton. "Illegal explosive devices are extremely dangerous and can cause serious injuries. If you find any illegal items, or know of anyone selling them, contact the police immediately."

If you choose to use consumer fireworks to celebrate this year's Fourth of July festivities, remember the following safety tips from the National Council on Fireworks Safety: A responsible adult should supervise all fireworks activities.

- Never give fireworks to young children.
- Always purchase fireworks from reliable sources.
- Never point or throw fireworks at another person.
- Use fireworks outdoors in a clear area away from buildings and vehicles.
- Never carry fireworks in your pocket or shoot them in metal or glass containers.
- Light them one at a time then move back quickly.

Don't experiment with homemade fireworks. Observe local laws and use common sense. Sparklers, fountains and other items that many states allow for use by consumers are not appropriate when a large crowd is present.

If attending a community display, leave your own fireworks at home -- there will be plenty of excitement provided by the display.

For more information on Fireworks safety, [visit the National Council on Fireworks Safety web site.](#)

A Word from the Editor

We would like to involve our readers in playing a more active role in guiding the publication. As always, we continue to invite our readers to provide their ideas, views, and opinions. This is my first effort at editing the news since taking over this responsibility from Jan Shadowens and Jan Burke. My goal is to maintain the high standards they set for this publication. Of course, I'm just the editor; the high quality will come from input received from those of you who take time to write timely, thought-provoking articles. If you have comments and/or suggestions for the newsletter on how we can continue to improve the publication, please don't hesitate to let me know. Please email your comments to Knickerbocker@SAALT.army.mil or call me at DSN 761-7555.

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Personnel (Alternate)
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